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- 1. ASSUMING THERE IS SUBSTANCE TO REFTEL PRESS REPORT, WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE ON MEETING OF US CORPORATION EXECUTIVES WITH SECRETARY CONCERNING AMERICAN BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
- 2. AS DEPT AWARE, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION GIVEN HERE TO REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION CONSULTATIONS WITH AMERICAN FIRMS ON THEIR LABOR PRACTICES IN SOUTH AFRICA. LEAD STORY IN CAPE ARGUS THIS AFTERNOON, MARCH 1, REPORTING ON FEBRUARY 28 MEETING OF US BUSINESS REPS (FRANK CASEY OF IBM, THOS MURRAY OF GM, AND REV. LEON SULLIVAN) WITH SA AMBASSADOR BOTHA ON "MINIMUM CHANGE IN RACIAL PRACTICES" IS LATEST EXAMPLE. ARGUS REPORT STATES MEETING HELD "UNDER PRESSURE FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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